

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 11, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Hoyler.

Claim 14 is objected to.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that claims 15-20 are not rejected over the art.

In connection with the Examiner's allowability of some claims, applicants have canceled claims 14 and 15, and introduced its features into claim 11, the broadest claim on file. It is believed that claim 11 containing the allowable subject matter of claim 15, should be considered as being in allowable condition.

Claim 12 has been retained as depending on claim 11, and claims 16, 17 and 20 have been amended to depend on claim 11. These claims, together with claims 18 and 19 contain the allowable subject matter


of claim 11 and therefore they should be considered as being in allowable condition as well.

It is believed that all claims now should be allowed and such action is earnestly solicited.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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